

# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS

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### ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Lesley Waxman

## BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING

Minutes of May 28, 2014

The meeting of the Cambridge Election Commission was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Election Commission offices, 51 Inman Street. Present were Commissioner Larry Ward, Chair, Commissioner Ethridge King, Commissioner Polyxane Cobb, Commissioner Peter Sheinfeld, Executive Director Tanya Ford, and Assistant Director Lesley Waxman.

### MINUTES

The Minutes of May 14 were reviewed and accepted with corrections

Motion: To approve the Minutes of May 14, 2014

Moved: Commissioner Cobb

Seconded: Commissioner Sheinfeld

The Motion passed: 4-0

### Executive Director's Report [see attached]

The Executive Director reported to the Board that a City Council Policy Order was issued to the Election Commission through the City Manager. Resolve: Look into the feasibility of launching online functionality for residents to complete their annual City Census forms. The Executive Director will check with other municipalities that currently have online service to hear what works and what doesn't.

The general discussion around this topic focused largely on the state law, privacy concerns and backend workflow, the latter has to do with pushing digitized information into the Voter Registration System (VRS) which does not accept electronic feeds.

A written report will be prepared by the Board and the Executive Director and submitted to the City Manager.

### Assistant Director's Report [see attached]

The Assistant Director reported that 77 SFIs were completed as of May 28.

955 Massachusetts Avenue is all commercial. Ten complaints were filed, accounting for 10 residents, who are currently registered at the 955 Mass Ave location. The complaints were filed by Poly Cobb in her capacity as a resident and voter in Cambridge

Motion: Schedule a Voter Registration Hearing on June 11, 2014 for the 10 voters registered at 955 Mass Avenue.

Moved: Commissioner Cobb

Second: Commissioner Sheinfeld

Passed: 4—0

A Hearing was scheduled by the Board for June 11 at 5:30

The Assistant Director also reported she received a tersely worded email from the Cambridge Armory advising the Commission that the facilities will not be available this year to host any elections. No specific reason was given.

**Public Comment:**

Ethan Cobb was in attendance

**Commissioner Reports**

Commissioner Ward reported that 115 Charles Street, it was not a valid address, the address does not exist.

Commissioner Sheinfeld reported 955 Massachusetts Avenue is entirely commercial

**ACTION AGENDA**

There was no unfinished business.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

**Adjourn**

Motion: To adjourn at 6:45 p.m.

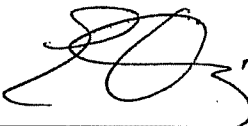
Moved: Commissioner Cobb

Seconded: Commissioner Sheinfeld

The Motion passed: 4-0

A True Record

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_



Ethridge A. King